

---

The Negro Year Book by Monroe N. Work

Review by: George W. Ellis

Source: *The Journal of Race Development*, Vol. 7, No. 3 (Jan., 1917), pp. 383-384

Published by:

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/29738208>

Accessed: 01-08-2014 01:26 UTC

---

Your use of the JSTOR archive indicates your acceptance of the Terms & Conditions of Use, available at

<http://www.jstor.org/page/info/about/policies/terms.jsp>

JSTOR is a not-for-profit service that helps scholars, researchers, and students discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content in a trusted digital archive. We use information technology and tools to increase productivity and facilitate new forms of scholarship. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.



<http://www.jstor.org>

## NOTES AND REVIEWS

*The Negro Year Book.* Edited by MONROE N. WORK of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

For the past four years The Negro Year Book Publishing Company at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Alabama, has issued from the press an annual volume under the title *Negro Year Book*. The editor of this annual publication is Monroe N. Work and associated with him, as president and treasurer of the company, are the well known racial authorities and acknowledged leaders, Robert E. Park and Emmett J. Scott. This *Year Book* has grown in size, scope and quality of subject matter until it is perhaps the most encyclopedic and significant current publication in the United States on the history, progress and present status of the Negraic peoples.

The volume for 1916-17, with nearly 500 pages, surpasses any preceding number, and as a popular reference work, is substantially without a rival. Aside from an amazing amount of data in compact form on the Progress of the Race in Fifty Years, Distribution of Negro Population, the History of Slavery, the Abolition Movement, Emancipation, Civil Rights and Status of the Negro as a Soldier, Religious Development, Educational Achievements, the Negro in the Fine Arts and Invention, in Agriculture, Business and Social Uplift, the latest issue is enriched by contributions and illuminating discussions on the Economic Influence of Prejudice upon the Negro, Southern Whites and Negro Coöperation for Social Betterment, the Negro and Temperance, Improvement in Rural Negro Education, Black Troops in the European War, Race Problem in South Africa, the Negro in Literature and Scholarship, and a number of other subjects of equal importance and general interest to the country and the student of interracial behavior and phenomena. With brief statements on present conditions in Abyssinia, Liberia, Haiti and Santo Domingo this volume makes a still wider appeal to all those who wish to secure information concerning and a general view of the situation where the Negro participates in or controls the government.

Aside from the foregoing the volume begins with a very notable list of recent high-grade works on *The Negro and His Problems* by the Neale Publishing Company of New York, a publishing company which has done more to present all sides of Negro life in Africa as well as in America in the highest literary form, than perhaps any publishing house in the United States. It concludes with 16 pages of index and with one of the most extended and comprehensive bibliographies on the Negro to be found anywhere in the literature of the race. With lists of the Negro newspapers, persons prominent in business, the officers and addresses of Negro organizations of national prominence, religious as well as secular, and the names of so many Negroes with some distinction in education, the professions, literature, art and science, the *Negro Year Book* is crowded with so much up-to-date information and data on Negro thought and life, that when we consider the small price at which it is sold, we are of the opinion that it should render a very practical and educational service in the life of the nation, whether viewed from the standpoint of the man in business, in education or of the more general reading public, both white and black.

The drift of the Negro population for sometime has gradually shifted northward. The reduction of immigration, consequent upon the European war, has accelerated that movement considerably during the past year. This movement has become so important that Northern communities have begun to consider the possible effects of increasing their colored neighbors. In this connection the *Negro Year Book* is valuable. In the *Chicago Daily News*, a great American metropolitan paper, beginning about the middle of December, A.D. 1916, Junius B. Wood, a high staff correspondent, has been contributing a series of articles upon the Negro, which are receiving wide and deep consideration. Mr. Wood, while dealing chiefly with the Negro in Chicago, yet has had occasion to refer to the *Negro Year Book* as his guide and authority for data and facts.

GEORGE W. ELLIS.